

In the claims:

Please add the following new claims:

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~~83~~. (New) An apparatus for manufacturing reclosable bags having top and bottom ends and opposing front and rear walls, said apparatus comprising, in combination:

web material having thereon a flexible interlocking fastener lip permanently connected to a fastener assembly, said fastener assembly comprising an engaging portion releasably connected to a complementary engaging portion, said complementary engaging portion being connected to said front wall;

<sup>1</sup>  
means for simultaneously sealing an end of said front wall to said flexible interlocking fastener lip and said flexible interlocking fastener lip to said back wall; and

means for forming and sealing said bags from said web material.

<sup>6</sup>  
~~84~~. (New) The apparatus of claim <sup>5</sup>~~83~~ further comprising means for filling said reclosable plastic bags with products.